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Preliminary to examination please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The invention will be illustrated in the following in more detail by means of Figures 1 to 4 in which

Figure 1 shows a top view of a first embodiment of the invention;

Figure 2 shows a top view of a second embodiment of the invention;